
Neighborhood News

Country Club District Homes Association

NEIGHBORHOOD HISTORY

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We know that we have a neighborhood with a rich history. We also know that there is a lot of historical information specific to our immediate area. What we don't have is a central repository to assemble, preserve and make sense out of all the information. This is about to change.

We are hoping for a lot of people to participate in making this all that it can be. I am pleased that Liz Roth Verkler has volunteered to work on this project. There are so many possibilities that we are not sure what form all this will take. Here is a summary of our thoughts at this time. We want to collect electronic copies of many documents pertaining to our neighborhood. These documents include pictures, plats, maps, stories, articles, histories and abstracts. These can be found in many places ranging from the public library to your storeroom. We have access to the library, but we don't have access to your storeroom or attic. That is where you come into this process. We do not want the originals of what you have. Those are your special keepsakes. What we want are electronically scanned images of your pictures and documents.

An appropriate location for the assembled history has not been determined. It should be easily accessible to all and easy to manage. That is why this will be a



collection of images located somewhere on the internet. Several locations are being considered.

This project is in its infancy, so you have an opportunity to participate on the ground floor. What can you do? We would love to have electronic images of any neighborhood pictures or documents you may have. Don't worry about its historical significance. "Interesting" works as well as "significant". If you would like help making the images of your documents, just let us know. We can get that done for you. You can also give of your time if you have any interest in this area. We would love to have you participate. Any ideas or suggestions you have will be most welcome.

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THE KANSAS CITY PARKS DEPARTMENT

The Kansas City, Missouri, Parks and Recreation Department provides facilities, programs and recreational opportunities for the community contributing to an esthetically pleasing environment and an enhanced quality of life.

The department operates and maintains close to 12,000 acres of parkland including 219 parks, 132 miles of boulevards and parkways, 47 fountains, 87 ornamental structures, 10 community centers, 27 lakes, 50 miles of trails and bikeways, 107 tennis courts, five golf courses and four museums.

For a comprehensive guide to the Kansas City, Missouri, Parks and Recreation Department, download the Reference Book at www.kcmo.org/parks. Below is a short list of activities sponsored by the department.

April:

12 Fountain Day - *Firefighters' Fountain 31st & Pennsylvania*

16 Puppets for the Planet Festival, Earthwalk - *Theis Park 47 & Oak*

23-24 Chalk Walk in the Historic Northeast - *The concourse in Kessler Park Benton Blvd & St. John Ave.*

May:

8 Mother's Day for Mother Earth— *Theis Park 47 & Oak*

14 Celebrate Urban Birds - *Lakeside Nature Center in Swope Park*

14 Hike with a Naturalist - *Lakeside Nature Center in Swope Park*

June:

3 Jazzoo— *Kansas City Zoo*

4 National Trails Day - *Camp Lake of the Woods in Swope park*

5 Rose Day - *Rose Garden Loose Park*

14 Shakespeare Festival *Southmoreland park 47th & Oak*

ROLL CALL

Mary Edwards



The site of the new Metro Police station is a very familiar one to me. I use to go there every summer for a day of free rides and food when my dad's company, TWA, sponsored a day at Fairyland Park for the employees and their families.

Although new and very modern, I must admit that the Metro Police Station is not as fun to visit as was Fairyland Park. That said, there are things to gain from going there. On a recent (purely voluntary) visit, I was able to attend what is known as a Roll Call. These rather quick sessions are designed to bring officers up to date with ongoing issues in their particular sector. Although I happened to be the only civilian, I was warmly welcomed and encouraged to interact with the officers in attendance.

This experience made me realize how important it is for each of us to take advantage of these opportunities to partner with the police in making our community a safer one. Officer John Trainor, our Crime Prevention and Community Interaction Officer, has been reaching out to us the past two years. He has provided opportunities such as this to meet with the officers in our sector as well as keeping us informed on police matters. For more information on this program, please see Officer Trainor's message on page four.

PLANTS OF MERIT

Just a few minutes spent on line at The Missouri Botanical Gardens web site may just make all the difference in your garden this coming summer. Their Plants of Merit program promotes “regionally proven annuals, perennials, shrubs, vines and trees.”

These recommended plants grow consistently well in Missouri, central and southern Illinois and the Kansas City Metro area. The criteria for these plants is as follows:

- Easy to grow and maintain.*
- Not known to be invasive in our area .*
- Resistant or tolerant to disease and insects.*
- Has outstanding ornamental value.*
- Reasonably available to purchase.*

To review the Plants of Merit listings and pictures, visit the full Missouri Botanical Gardens website at www.mobot.org or go directly to www.gardeninghelp.org section

of the site and click on the quick link for Plants of Merit.



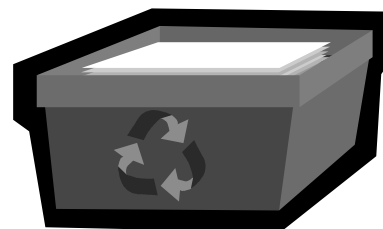
EARTH911.COM

Earth911.com is a great web site to access when you do not know where to recycle many household items. It has an easy format that asks your address or zip code, what item(s) from their list you are intending to recycle and how far from your home you are willing to drive to do so.

recyclable items from their list include: compact discs, floppy discs, MP3 players, computer monitors, game consoles, office machines, cassette tapes, computer recycling, inkjet cartridges, records, cell phones, medical equipment, and small appliances.

In addition, the site offers

plenty of good green information encompassing local, national and even world issues.



NATIONAL TAKE BACK DAY

The Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) is hosting a National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on April 30th from 10:00 to 2:00. Prescription drugs that you no longer take or have expired can be dropped off at four sites throughout the city. Instead of putting them in a land fill or down the drain, the drugs will be destroyed in

an environmentally friendly way.

The drop off location for the Metro Patrol Division is 633 E. 63rd Street. There are, however, four other sites that can be used. They are:

- 215 NE Englewood
- 3215 Main Street

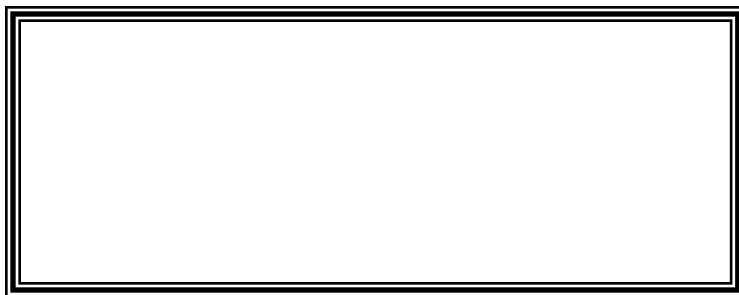
9430 Blue Ridge Blvd.
5301 E. 27th Street

You may find additional information at the following DEA web site.

www.nationaltakebackday.com.

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A message from John Trainor, Crime Prevention /Community Interactions Officer, Metro Patrol Division, KCPD

The Kansas City, Missouri Police Department conducts meetings called Sectors as Teams. Each meeting is hosted by a specific sector. In attendance at these meetings are representatives from each shift from the specific sectors and officers to discuss problems in their areas and ways to resolve them. These meetings are now open to the public. We will try to inform you via email when one of these meetings will be held in this sector .



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